



The TMI Update

A Monthly Newsletter Written by the Toronto Montessori Institute

Montessori Education Week – the Lab School Advantage in Action

Each February during Montessori Education Week we honour the legacy of our Montessori founders. Our gratitude is expressed through sharing our passion within our school community. At TMI our student teachers are included in all aspects of school life within the TMS Lab School. Through their participation in the Montessori Education Week activities, student teachers are able to witness the appreciation and pride that the Montessori children have for their School. It is remarkable to hear the children express their gratitude for the gift of Montessori education. They recognize the benefits of the individualized approach to learning and the respect that freedom to choose their own work affords. Student teachers are now further inspired and committed to maintaining the integrity of Montessori peace education following the footsteps of our founders. During Montessori Education Week we also celebrate the opportunity to mentor new teachers within the TMS Lab School and in our close-knit Montessori community. Student teachers recently attended a PD Day address to Faculty and Staff by TMS Head of School, Dr. Glenn Zederayko. Our student teachers left the address with an increased understanding of the importance of professionalism and the requirement to “go beyond” to support the needs of our children and their families. Professionalism is a key component of Montessori teacher training at TMI. Opportunities for modeling and development of professionalism are always extremely valuable. Communication between mentors and student teachers is an important aspect of teacher training. During the PD Day TMS mentor teachers were invited to enjoy a chocolate fountain buffet and meet one-on-one with student teachers to answer their questions in a relaxed social setting. Student teachers were able to benefit from the experience of mentor teachers and ask questions relating to teaching duties, classroom management, parent communication and the day-to-day experience working with a co-teacher in the classroom. Mentor teachers enjoyed answering the questions, giving advice and sharing insights, recognizing the occasion as an opportunity for professional development of their own. TMI student teachers value the professional development and mentorship they receive while in your schools for practice teaching. Your warm welcome of our students, modeling of professionalism and open honest feedback as mentor teachers and administrators strengthens our collective commitment to high quality Montessori teacher training and ultimately the future of Montessori education in Canada and internationally.

Montessori Reaches Beyond the School – Parents as Partners in Education

Recently, a TMI student teacher enrolled in our Infant Toddler Montessori Diploma Course who is also a parent of a Children’s House student in our Lab School commented that her experience practice teaching in the classroom under the mentorship of knowledgeable and experienced mentor teachers validates that she has chosen the best education available for her child. She now appreciates even more the importance of parents as partners in their child’s education. We would like to take this opportunity to once again ask you to invite parents of children in your school and those interested in becoming an Assistant in a Montessori Early Childhood classroom to join TMI faculty for our upcoming Montessori 101 Parent Education Certificate Course to be held from April 16 to 27, 2012 (see next page for details). This is a great opportunity for family members of Montessori Early Childhood students to earn a Paraprofessional Certificate, learn the secret behind the brilliance of Montessori and understand why their children are thriving in your school so that they may support the learning at home.

February 2012

Register NOW

TMI Announces a Tuition Freeze for the 2012-2013 Academic Year!

Currently Accepting Applications for the 2012-2013 Academic Year

Infant Toddler Montessori Diploma Programme (Summer mode)

Early Childhood Montessori Diploma Programme (Full time & Part time)

Elementary I & II Montessori Diploma Programme (Full time)

Elementary II THIS SUMMER

Upcoming Open House Dates

Open Houses Every Tuesday 10 am to noon

Integrated Open House Saturday March 3, 2012 10 am to noon

Please continue to visit our Web site www.tmi.edu and direct those interested in learning more about Montessori teacher training to arrange a personal appointment with our Registrar!

If you would like our Registrar to visit your school to speak to interested staff or parents about Montessori teacher training, please contact True Macedo to arrange a date and time.

Events at TMI



TMI student teachers write their questions for mentor teachers on Valentine cards. Their questions were answered at a chocolate fountain dessert buffet.



TMI Full time student teachers prepared a thoughtful presentation with handmade props for the Montessori Education Week Assembly at TMS School.

Community Events

CCMA Workshop

**Monday April 16, 2012 at Tall Pines School
10:00 am to 12:00 noon (Choice of 2 workshops)**

The Silent Journey facilitated by Margaret Whitley of Montessori House of Children & Pat Gere of Ottawa Montessori School.

Staff/Student Retention facilitated by Rob Thompson of Willowglen Montessori School and Glenn Zederayko of TMS School.

**Friday May 18, 2012 at TMS School
Joint CAMT and CCMA
Professional Development Day**

Featuring: Jane Healey
Educational psychologist and award-winning author of: *Your Child's Growing Mind, Endangered Minds, and Failure to Connect*. Her newest book is: *Different Learners: Preventing & Treating Your Child's Learning Problems*.
With afternoon breakout sessions and Mindfulness presentation

TMI presents Montessori 101

Parent Education/ Paraprofessional Certificate Course

**April 16 to 27, 2012
9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Where: Toronto Montessori Institute
8569 Bayview Avenue,
Richmond Hill, ON. L4B 3M7

Cost: \$835.00

Who should attend: Parents interested in learning about the benefits of the Montessori Method and individuals who want to play a special role in the lives of children as a Montessori Assistant.



Through theory lectures, activities and lesson demonstrations participants will develop a deeper understanding of the benefits of Montessori education.

Join TMI Faculty for a two week Early Childhood Paraprofessional Certificate Course.

Spaces are limited. Register Now!
Application Form can be found on the home page of our Web site www.tmi.edu



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